

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
providing a configuration input page, the configuration input page including fields for the input of configuration information concerning a software license, the configuration input page including fields that are definable by a group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group; and
maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein a group administration application is used to define fields for the configuration input page.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input page.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information includes the number of CPUs.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information includes the operating system.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information includes use environment of the software.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input screen is provided when the user changes the IP address.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.
10. A license management system comprising:
 - a processor adapted to produce a configuration input page, the configuration input page including fields for the input of configuration information concerning a software license, the configuration input page including fields that are definable by a group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group; and
 - a memory adapted to maintain a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information.
11. The license management system of claim 10, wherein a group administration application is used to define fields for the configuration input page.
12. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down lists for a field of the configuration input page.
13. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the input configuration information includes the number of CPUs.
14. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the input configuration information includes the operating system.
15. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the input configuration information includes use environment of the software.

16. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input screen is provided when the user changes the IP address.
17. The license management system of claim 10, wherein the change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address.
18. The license management system of claim 10, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.
19. A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of:
providing a configuration input page, the configuration input page including fields for the input of configuration information concerning a software license, the configuration input page including fields that are definable by a group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group; and
maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information.
20. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein a group administration application is used to define fields for the configuration input page.
21. The computer readable media of claim 20, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input page.
22. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information includes the number of CPUs.
23. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information includes the operating system.

24. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information includes use environment of the software.

25. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input screen is provided when the user changes the IP address.

26. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

27. The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.